

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 09 July 2002  
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Tauranga  
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable  
Title of Publication: The Construction And Operation Of Clandestine  
Drug Laboratories  
Other Known Titles: The Construction And Operation Of Clandestine  
Drug Laboratories Second Edition Revised &  
Expanded  
Director: Not Applicable  
Producer: Not Applicable  
Publisher: Loompanics Unlimited  
Author: Jack B. Nimble  
Format: Book  
Country of Origin: USA  
Language: English

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:  
Trailers: Running time:  
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The book entitled *The Construction And Operation Of Clandestine Drug Laboratories* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The book focuses on how to set up and run a viable drug manufacturing operation, while avoiding being detected by the police. The emphasis is clearly on illegally manufacturing controlled drugs, such as LSD. While the book does not supply chemical formulae or "recipes", it directs the reader on where to find this information and supplies detailed and specific instructions on most other aspects of setting up and running an illegal drug manufacturing laboratory. It also contains substantial instruction on how to avoid detection by the police, how to minimise incriminating evidence and how to impersonate running a legitimate business. The book has no ostensible purpose other than supplying information on how to successfully run a criminal drug manufacturing operation. It is intended for persons who are attracted to the idea of illegal drug manufacture, and provides them with practical and viable methods to do so profitably.

The book encourages and promotes criminal acts; namely the manufacture and production of controlled drugs, which is an offence under s6 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975. The book does this to such a high extent and degree that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good and the book is therefore classified as objectionable.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, given the high extent and degree to which the book encourages and promotes criminal acts, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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